

## GOODNESS OF FIT TESTS IN RANDOM COEFFICIENT REGRESSION MODELS\*

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**Abstract.** Random coefficient regressions have been applied in a wide range of fields, from biology to economics, and constitute a common frame for several important statistical models. A nonparametric approach to inference in random coefficient models was initiated by Beran and Hall. In this paper we introduce and study goodness of fit tests for the coefficient distributions; their asymptotic behavior under the null hypothesis is obtained. We also propose bootstrap resampling strategies to approach these distributions and prove their asymptotic validity using results by Giné and Zinn on bootstrap empirical processes. A simulation study illustrates the properties of these tests.

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### 1. Introduction

Random coefficient regression models have raised a growing interest in recent years. From a statistical point of view, they constitute a unifying frame for several important models, including random effects in ANOVA (see, e.g. Scheffé (1959)), deconvolution models (Fan (1991), van Es (1991)), heteroscedastic linear models or location-scale mixture models. The scope of their application ranges from biology to image compression to econometrics. An example of applicability of the random coefficient model to economics is the estimation of a linear production function, where the output of the firms is expressed as a function of the factors involved in the productive process (typically, labor and capital). In such a model, the coefficient of a factor can be interpreted as its *productivity* (how much the production can be increased if the firm increases the factor in a unit). If a usual regression model is used, it is implicitly assumed that every firm in the sample has the same factor productivities, but this fact is not true in general: usually each firm obtains its

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own factor productivity because the production process is not exactly the same in each firm. So a model with random coefficients allows factor productivities varying from firm to firm.

The analysis of growth curves in biological or medical studies is another important application field for random coefficient regression models. Recently Yang and Chen (1995) have applied a bayesian approach to this model and they illustrate their results with a real data example arising from biology. The data set contains the body weights of 48 pigs measured in nine successive weeks. In this example the independent variable is time in weeks (nine dimensional), the dependent variable is body weight (also nine dimensional) and the random coefficient is the rate of weight gaining for each pig (one dimensional) that, obviously, can vary from pig to pig.

Raj and Ullah (1981), Chow (1983), Nicholls and Quinn (1982) and Nicholls and Pagan (1985) are surveys of the work on random coefficient regression models. Additional applied examples can be found in Longford (1993). A common feature of this literature is that interest is focused on moments estimation, essentially mean and variance.

A nonparametric approach to inference in these models has been started by Beran and Hall (1992) by addressing the estimation of the random parameter joint distribution; they solved it by introducing consistent estimators based on estimated moments. Beran (1995) developed nonparametric prediction intervals for the dependent variable and introduced a minimum distance estimate. Beran and Millar (1994) have studied its consistency and proved that it is a  $n^{1/2}$ -consistent estimator of the coefficient distribution in a particular case. Recently Beran *et al.* (1996) construct a consistent, asymptotically normal, nonparametric estimator for the joint density of the slope and intercept of a random coefficient simple regression model.

In this paper, we consider nonparametric goodness of fit tests for the distribution of the random coefficients. In Subsection 1.1 we establish the model and we propose the corresponding test statistics. The one-dimensional response case is studied in Subsection 2.1. We use results from empirical processes theory to assess the asymptotic behavior of the statistics. Then we present different bootstrap resampling strategies to approach the unknown limiting distribution and we prove their validity. Subsection 2.2 extends these results to linear models with  $p$ -dimensional dependent variable. A simulation study on the performance of these tests is carried out in Section 3. Finally, all the proofs are collected in the Appendix.

### 1.1 Preliminaries

Let us write the random coefficient regression model as

$$(1.1) \quad Y_i = A_i + X_i B_i, \quad i \geq 1,$$

where  $Y_i$  and  $A_i$  are  $p$ -dimensional random variables,  $B_i$  is a  $q$ -dimensional random vector and  $X_i$  is a  $p \times q$  random matrix. The triples  $\{(A_i, B_i, X_i) : i \geq 1\}$  are independent and identically distributed and  $(A_i, B_i)$  is independent of  $X_i$ . The distribution of  $(A_i, B_i, X_i)$  is unknown and we can observe the  $n$  pairs  $(Y_i, X_i)$ ,

$1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $F_{AB}$  be the distribution of  $(A_i, B_i)$  and let  $F_X$  be the distribution of  $X_i$ , both unknown. The joint distribution of  $(Y_i, X_i)$  depends on both distributions and will be denoted by  $F_{YX} = \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)$ . Let  $P_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{(Y_i, X_i)}$  and  $F_{X,n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i}$  be the empirical distributions associated to the observations  $(Y_i, X_i)$  and  $X_i$ , respectively. This is the model considered by Beran and Millar (1994). Our goal is a goodness of fit test for the distribution  $F_{AB}$ , i.e.,

$$(1.2) \quad H_0 : F_{AB} = G$$

$$(1.3) \quad H_1 : F_{AB} \neq G$$

for a specified distribution  $G$ . Observe that  $F_X$  is unknown under both  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ .

We will assume *identifiability* in the model (1.1), i.e.,  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X) = \mathcal{P}(\tilde{F}_{AB}, F_X)$  implies  $F_{AB} = \tilde{F}_{AB}$ . Beran (1995) and Beran and Millar (1994) give sufficient conditions for identifiability and also for *strong identifiability*, a locally uniform version of identifiability. If identifiability does not hold, one can consider the equivalence classes  $C(F_{AB}) = \{\tilde{F}_{AB} \mid \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X) = \mathcal{P}(\tilde{F}_{AB}, F_X)\}$  and carry out the test

$$(1.4) \quad H_0 : F_{AB} \in C(G)$$

$$(1.5) \quad H_1 : F_{AB} \notin C(G)$$

instead.

We will base our test on the empirical process  $D_n = \sqrt{n}(P_n - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X))$ . Since  $F_X$  is not known and is not specified under  $H_0$ , we consider the “estimated” empirical process

$$J_n = \sqrt{n}(P_n - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_{X,n}))$$

indexed by the class  $\mathcal{J} = \{I_{st} = (-\infty, s] \times (-\infty, t] : s \in \mathbb{R}^p, t \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}\}$  of  $(p + pq)$ -dimensional semi-intervals. When convenient, we will also express  $J_n(I_{st})$  as  $J_n(s, t)$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}$ .

Given  $s \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(I_{st}) &= \sqrt{n} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{p+pq}} I_{(-\infty, (s,t)]}(y, x) dP_n(y, x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{pq}} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) dF_{X,n}(x) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{p+pq}} (I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) dP_n(y, x) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{p+pq}} f_{st}(y, x) dP_n(y, x) = \sqrt{n} P_n(f_{st}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_{st}(y, x) = (I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x)$ . Observe that  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(f_{st})$  is equal to zero. Thus, it turns out that, for each  $s, t$ ,  $J_n(s, t) = D_n(f_{st})$ .

Let

$$(1.6) \quad \mathcal{F} = \{f_{st} \mid s \in \mathbb{R}^p, t \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}\}.$$

Our test statistics will be Kolmogorov-Smirnov or Cramér-von Mises functionals of  $J_n$ ; we will get their asymptotic distribution from the convergence of  $\{D_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  as empirical processes indexed by  $\mathcal{F}$ . We refer to Giné and Zinn (1986) for the definitions of weak convergence in the space  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$  of bounded functions on  $\mathcal{F}$ , and the concepts of Vapnik-Červonenkis and Donsker classes of functions.

For any class  $\mathcal{F}$  of functions  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if  $A \subset \mathcal{X}$  is a finite set and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let

$$D(\varepsilon, A, F, \mathcal{F}) = \min \left\{ k \mid \text{there exist } f_1, \dots, f_k \in \mathcal{F} \text{ such that} \right. \\ \left. \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \sum_{x \in A} (f(x) - f_i(x))^2 \leq \varepsilon^2 \sum_{x \in A} F(x)^2 \right\},$$

and define  $D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) = \sup\{D(\varepsilon, A, F, \mathcal{F}) \mid A \subseteq \mathcal{X}, A \text{ finite}\}$ . The corresponding entropy is  $H(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) = \log D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F})$ . As usual, if  $V$  is a random variable, we will represent by  $\text{Supp}(V)$  (the support of  $V$ ) the smallest closed set  $S$  such that  $P\{V \notin S\} = 0$ .

## 2. Main results

### 2.1 Univariate dependent variable

In this section we establish the asymptotic distribution for the Kolmogorov-Smirnov and the Cramér-von Mises statistics based on the empirical process  $D_n$  when the dependent variable  $Y$  is one-dimensional, i.e.,  $p = 1$ . First, we give sufficient conditions for the class  $\mathcal{F}$  defined in (1.6) to be a permissible class of functions in the sense of Pollard (1984).

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Consider the conditions:*

- (a)  $P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB = s) = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$  and for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) *The distribution of  $(A, B)$  is discrete.*

*If either (a) or (b) hold then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a permissible class of functions.*

Note that the proposition holds if, e.g., for any fixed value of  $X$ , the distribution of  $Y$  has no atoms and this follows if the distribution of  $A$  is absolutely continuous, except for extreme dependence between  $A$  and  $B$ . This measurability requirement implies the one used by Giné and Zinn in theorems that we will need below (see Giné and Zinn (1990, p. 854)). The next result gives a bound for the entropy of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *There exist positive constants  $A$  and  $w$  such that  $D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) \leq A\varepsilon^{-2w}$ , where  $F = 1$  is an envelope for  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

The asymptotic behavior of the sequence  $\{D_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of empirical processes is obtained in the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Under the conditions in Proposition 2.1,*

$$(2.7) \quad D_n \rightarrow_w Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}$$

in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ , where  $Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}$  is the  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)$ -brownian bridge with covariance structure given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(f_{st}, f_{uv}) &= \int_{\{x \leq t \wedge v\}} (P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s \wedge u) \\ &\quad - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u)) dF_X(x). \end{aligned}$$

From this result, we can obtain the asymptotic distribution of the corresponding Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic,

$$K_n = \|D_n\|_{\mathcal{F}} = \sup_{f_{st} \in \mathcal{F}} |D_n(f_{st})| = \|J_n\|_{\mathcal{J}} = \sup_{I_{st} \in \mathcal{J}} |J_n(I_{st})|$$

and the Cramér-von Mises one,

$$M_n = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (D_n(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (J_n(s, t))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2},$$

where  $Q$  is a finite measure on  $\mathbb{R}^{1+q}$ .

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Under the conditions in Proposition 2.1,*

$$\begin{aligned} K_n &\rightarrow_w \|Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \quad \text{and} \\ M_n &\rightarrow_w \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the limit distributions of  $D_n$ ,  $K_n$  and  $M_n$  under  $H_0 : F_{AB} = G$  can be obtained by replacing  $F_{AB}$  by  $G$  in the corresponding expressions in Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.1. These asymptotic distributions are depending both on  $G$  and the unknown  $F_X$ , so, it is important to provide a way of approaching them and this can be done through bootstrapping. We will study two different resampling strategies.

Let  $(Y_i^{*1}, X_i^{*1})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , be a random sample from the distribution  $P_n$  and let  $P_n^{*1}$  be the corresponding empirical distribution. Define  $D_n^{*1} = \sqrt{n}(P_n^{*1} - P_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , indexed by  $\mathcal{F}$ , as the standard bootstrap version of  $D_n$ . Consider now a random sample  $(Y_i^{*2}, X_i^{*2})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , from the distribution  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_{X,n})$  and let  $P_n^{*2}$  the empirical distribution obtained from them. Define the corresponding bootstrap empirical process  $D_n^{*2} = \sqrt{n}(P_n^{*2} - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_{X,n}))$ , indexed by  $\mathcal{F}$ . Finally, let us introduce  $J_n^{*2}$ , the bootstrap analogous of  $J_n$ , indexed by the lower semi-intervals in  $\mathbb{R}^{1+q}$ ,

$$J_n^{*2}(s, t) = \sqrt{n}(P_n^{*2}(s, t) - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_{X,n}^{*2})(s, t)),$$

where  $F_{X,n}^{*2}$  is the second marginal distribution of  $P_n^{*2}$ , i.e., the empirical distribution corresponding to  $X_i^{*2}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . It's straightforward to check now that  $J_n^{*2}(s, t) = D_n^{*2}(f_{st})$  and obviously  $J_n^{*2}(s, t) \neq D_n^{*1}(f_{st})$ . Our next result gives the asymptotic validity of these bootstrap statistics.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Assume the conditions in Proposition 2.1. Then the bootstrap empirical process  $D_n^{*1}$  converges weakly in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$  to the limit process of  $D_n$  for almost all sample sequence  $\{(Y_i, X_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  satisfying model (1.1):*

$$D_n^{*1} \rightarrow_w Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)} \quad a.s., \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Also  $D_n^{*2}$  converges weakly in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$  to the same limit for almost all sample sequence  $\{(Y_i, X_i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  satisfying model (1.1):

$$D_n^{*2} \rightarrow_w Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)} \quad a.s., \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The proof of the second part relies on Corollary 2.7 in Giné and Zinn (1991) and it can be seen in the Appendix. Now, the continuous mapping theorem provides the asymptotic behavior of the bootstrap versions of  $K_n$  and  $M_n$ .

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Under the conditions in Proposition 2.1,*

$$\begin{aligned} K_n^{*1} &= \|D_n^{*1}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow_w \|Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \quad a.s., \\ K_n^{*2} &= \|D_n^{*2}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow_w \|Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}\|_{\mathcal{F}} \quad a.s., \\ M_n^{*1} &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (D_n^{*1}(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\rightarrow_w \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \quad a.s., \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_n^{*2} &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (D_n^{*2}(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (J_n^{*2}(s, t))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\rightarrow_w \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \quad a.s. \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that here we can obtain the convergence of  $D_n^{*1}$  and  $D_n^{*2}$  because now the data come from the distribution used to center  $D_n^{*2}$  and this allows us to use the Giné and Zinn (1991) corollary, which cannot be used to obtain the convergence of  $J_n$ .

These results allow us to propose two bootstrap algorithms for testing  $H_0$  based on  $D_n^{*1}$  and  $D_n^{*2}$ , respectively. By replacing  $F_{AB}$  by  $G$ , the resampling scheme in  $D_n^{*2}$  provides data  $(Y_i^{*2}, X_i^{*2})$  satisfying the null hypothesis; on the contrary, this does not necessarily happen with  $D_n^{*1}$ : the sample  $(Y_i, X_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , may not come from model (1.1) with  $F_{AB} = G$ . However, we can take independent observations  $(A_i^G, B_i^G)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , from the distribution  $G$  and construct the pairs

$$(2.8) \quad (Y_i^G, X_i), \quad \text{with } Y_i^G = A_i^G + X_i B_i^G, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

which come from model (1.1) with  $F_{AB} = G$ .

So, our resampling algorithms are the following. The one based on  $D_n^{*1}$  proceeds in four steps (suppose that we are using the statistic  $K_n$ ):

1. Obtain the value of the statistic  $K_n$  from the sample  $(Y_i, X_i)$ , with  $F_{AB} = G$ .
2. Construct the sample  $(Y_i^G, X_i)$  as indicated in (2.8).
3. Draw  $B$  bootstrap values  $K_{n,b}^{*1}$ ,  $b = 1, \dots, B$  of the statistic  $K_n^{*1}$ , defined in Corollary 2.2, from the values  $(Y_i^G, X_i)$  in Step 2.
4. Reject  $H_0$  if  $K_n$  is larger than the  $\alpha$ -th quantile of the empirical distribution of  $K_{n,b}^{*1}$ ,  $b = 1, \dots, B$ .

The second method, based on  $D_n^{*2}$ , modifies Steps 2 and 3 to the following:

- (2. and 3.)' For  $b = 1, \dots, B$ , obtain  $(Y_i^{*2}, X_i^{*2})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  i.i.d. from  $\mathcal{P}(G, F_{X,n})$ , construct  $J_n^{*2}$  and calculate  $K_n^{*2} = \sup_{s,t} |J_n^{*2}(s, t)|$ .

## 2.2 $p$ -variate dependent variable

We consider now the model (1.1) when the dependent variable  $Y$  is  $p$ -dimensional, with  $p > 1$ , and our goal is to prove similar results to the previous ones. Checking the proofs in Subsection 2.1, the fact of  $Y_i$  being univariate is only used to show that the class

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \{f_s : \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f_s(x) = P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s), s \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is a Vapnik-Červonenkis class of functions and so, it has a small entropy. We have to deal now with the class

$$\mathcal{F}_p = \{f_s : \mathbb{R}^{p \times q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f_s(x) = P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s), s \in \mathbb{R}^p\}, \quad p > 1,$$

whose envelope is the function constantly equal to 1.

Our next theorem describes the properties of  $\mathcal{F}_p$  under some conditions on the distribution of  $(A, B, X)$ . We will use the function  $h$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} h : \mathbb{R}^{p \times q} \times \mathbb{R}^p &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (x, s) &\rightarrow f_s(x). \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Assume that  $\text{Supp}(X)$  is compact in model (1.1) and that  $Y_x = A + xB$  is absolutely continuous for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . Suppose also that  $h$  has uniformly bounded partial derivatives:*

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(x, s) \right\| &\leq M_1, & x \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}, & s \in \mathbb{R}^p, \\ \left\| \frac{\partial h}{\partial s}(x, s) \right\| &\leq M_2, & x \in \mathbb{R}^{pq}, & s \in \mathbb{R}^p. \end{aligned}$$

Then

(i) *The family of probability measures  $\{P_{Y_x}, x \in \text{Supp}(X)\}$  is tight: for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact  $C(\varepsilon)$  such that  $P_{Y_x}(C(\varepsilon)) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ ,  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ .  $C(\varepsilon)$  can be chosen to be of the form*

$$C(\varepsilon) = [l(\varepsilon), u(\varepsilon)]_p \equiv \{s \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid l(\varepsilon) \leq s \leq u(\varepsilon)\}.$$

(ii)  $D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}_p) \leq p^p \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2M_2}\right)^{-p} \text{Vol}([l(\varepsilon), u(\varepsilon)]_p)$ .

(iii) *If*

$$(2.9) \quad \int_0^1 \log \left( \text{Vol} \left( \left[ l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2) + 1_p \frac{\varepsilon}{M_2} \right]_p \right) \right) d\varepsilon < \infty$$

then

$$(2.10) \quad \int_0^1 H(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}_p) d\varepsilon < \infty$$

and also

$$(2.11) \quad \int_0^1 H(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) d\varepsilon < \infty,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the class of functions defined in (1.6).

Next we provide two important situations where Theorem 2.3 applies: first, in those cases where  $(A, B)$  is compactly supported and second, when  $(A, B)$  has a  $(p + q)$ -variate normal distribution.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** *Assume that  $\text{Supp}(X)$  is compact. It holds that*

(i) *if  $\text{Supp}(A, B)$  is compact then*

$$Q = \bigcup_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} \{y \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid y = a + xb, (a, b) \in \text{Supp}(A, B)\}$$



Table 1.  $\alpha = .05$ ,  $B = 500$ , 500 simulations. The three values appearing in each cell are  $\alpha_M^1$ ,  $\alpha_M^2$  and  $\alpha_K^2$ , from top to bottom.

(A, B)	$\rho$	$X \sim N(0, 1)$			$X \sim N(2, 1)$			$X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$			
		20	50	100	20	50	100	20	50	100	
N	0	.076	.060	.054	.050	.046	.056	.054	.054	.062	
		.050	.066	.054	.038	.050	.048	.046	.056	.058	
		.054	.064	.050	.044	.042	.042	.048	.044	.056	
	.4	.054	.042	.048	.052	.048	.060	.064	.060	.070	
		.044	.044	.048	.040	.050	.048	.046	.068	.064	
		.058	.034	.062	.050	.056	.050	.046	.050	.084	
	.8	.054	.032	.048	.060	.050	.030	.054	.060	.058	
		.040	.030	.046	.042	.044	.032	.042	.060	.050	
		.038	.034	.028	.054	.042	.054	.058	.050	.050	
	C	0	.054	.062	.058	.054	.042	.048	.050	.054	.028
			.042	.054	.046	.046	.044	.044	.040	.048	.036
			.040	.044	.030	.050	.062	.054	.046	.048	.054
.4		.054	.062	.048	.058	.054	.050	.064	.050	.056	
		.044	.066	.048	.044	.054	.056	.046	.058	.066	
		.040	.052	.060	.046	.050	.064	.052	.066	.054	
.8		.078	.082	.042	.060	.056	.054	.066	.068	.056	
		.046	.064	.038	.046	.058	.054	.056	.056	.052	
		.052	.054	.066	.038	.058	.052	.050	.062	.062	
E		0	.078	.058	.052	.050	.056	.048	.038	.056	.046
			.060	.054	.052	.042	.066	.046	.044	.046	.046
			.052	.060	.062	.056	.060	.058	.036	.042	.058
	.4	.060	.054	.048	.056	.044	.060	.072	.060	.054	
		.052	.044	.046	.046	.048	.060	.050	.052	.046	
		.050	.050	.034	.046	.052	.062	.042	.054	.058	
	.8	.066	.054	.052	.048	.038	.052	.064	.074	.048	
		.056	.060	.056	.032	.026	.050	.052	.062	.046	
		.046	.054	.046	.052	.046	.042	.062	.056	.062	

is compact and  $P(Y_x \in Q) = 1$ , for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ .

(ii) if, moreover, the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 on  $Y_x$  and on the partial derivatives of  $h(x, s)$  hold, then

$$\int_0^1 H(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) d\varepsilon < \infty.$$

The corresponding result for normally distributed coefficients is the following:

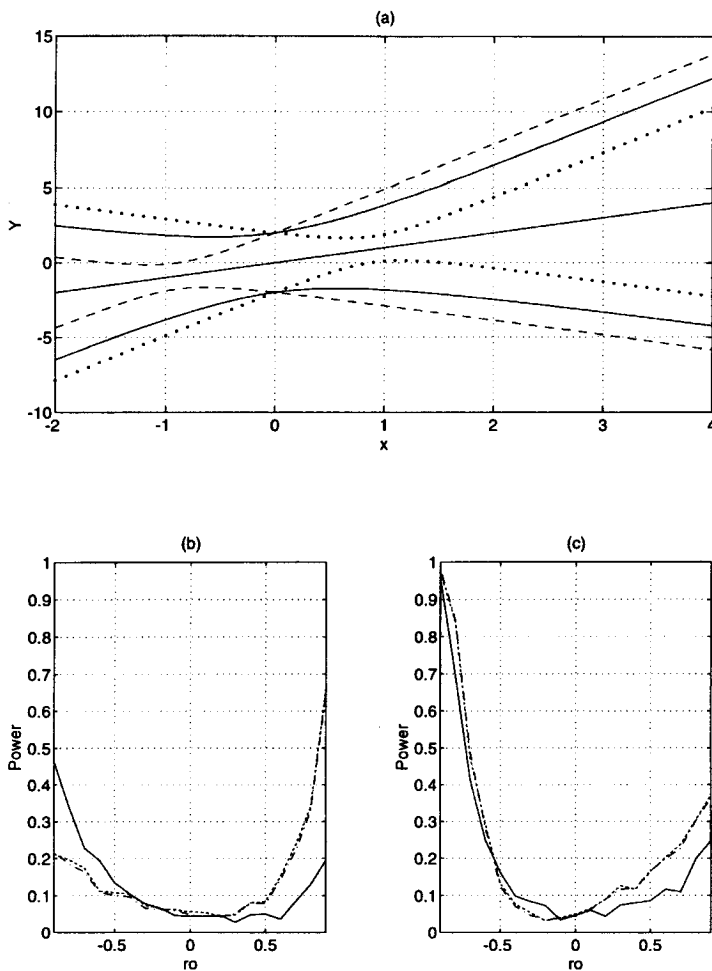


Fig. 1. Normal model varying  $\rho$  in the alternative. (a) Dispersion of  $Y$  given values  $x$  of  $X$  under  $H_0$  and some alternative hypotheses.  $\cdots\cdots\cdots$   $\rho = -0.9$ ,  $\text{---}$   $\rho = 0$ ,  $\text{- - - -}$   $\rho = 0.9$ . (b), (c) Power function for  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $X \sim N(2, 1)$ , respectively.  $\cdots\cdots\cdots$   $M_n^{*1}$ ,  $\text{- . . . -}$   $M_n^{*2}$ ,  $\text{---}$   $K_n^{*2}$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** Assume that the variable  $(A, B)$  in model (1.1) is normally distributed, that  $\text{Supp}(X)$  is compact and that, for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ , the variable  $Y_x$  is absolutely continuous. Then

- (i) The function  $h(x, s)$  has uniformly bounded partial derivatives.
- (ii) Condition (2.9) holds.

As a consequence of (i) and (ii), the conclusions (2.10) and (2.11) in Theorem 2.3 follow.

Observe that whenever Theorem 2.3 holds, all the conclusions we obtained for  $Y$  univariate can be carried out to the  $p$ -dimensional case. In particular, the goodness of fit test strategy applies straightforward to model (1.1) for any  $p \geq 1$ .

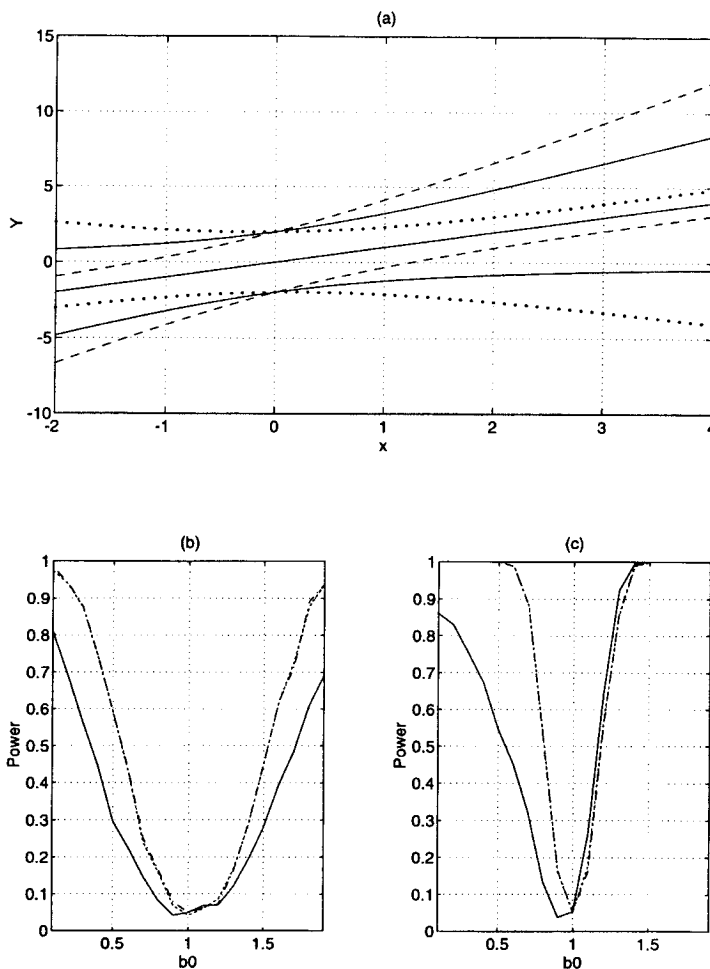


Fig. 2. Normal model varying  $b_0$  (mean of  $B$ ) in the alternative. (a) Dispersion of  $Y$  given values  $x$  of  $X$  under  $H_0$  and some alternative hypotheses.  $\cdots\cdots$   $b_0 = 0.1$ ,  $\text{—}$   $b_0 = 1$ ,  $\text{---}$   $b_0 = 1.9$ . (b), (c) Power function for  $X \sim N(0,1)$  and  $X \sim N(2,1)$ , respectively.  $\cdots\cdots$   $M_n^{*1}$ ,  $\text{---}$   $M_n^{*2}$ ,  $\text{—}$   $K_n^{*2}$ .

### 3. A simulation study

To study the behavior of these tests in practice, we have conducted a Monte-Carlo experiment. The data have been generated in the following way. First, simulate independent  $(A_i, e_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  with  $A_i \sim F_A$ ,  $e_i \sim F_e$ ,  $A_i$  and  $e_i$  independent and then construct  $B_i = b_0 + \rho A_i + e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Second, take independent  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  with distribution  $F_X$  and, finally, calculate the observations  $Y_i = A_i + X_i B_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

The first set of simulations (labeled *normal*) corresponds to a model generated using  $A$  with distribution  $N(0,1)$  and  $e$  normally distributed such that  $E(e) = 0$  and the standard deviation of  $B$  is a specified value  $\sigma_B$ . The second collection

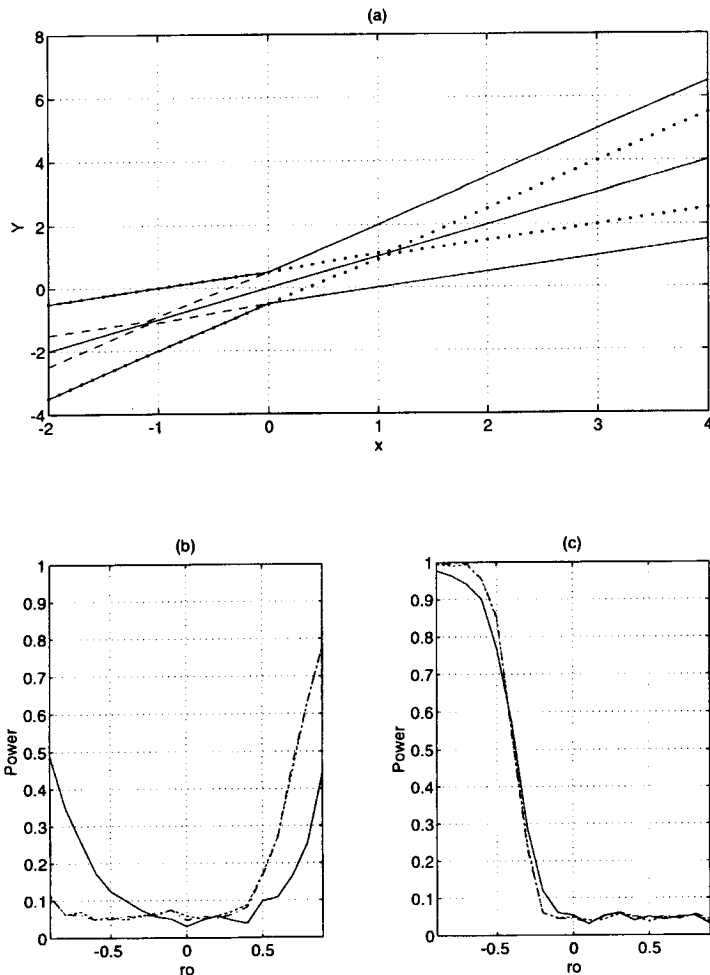


Fig. 3. *Cauchy* model varying  $\rho$  in the alternative. (a) Dispersion of  $Y$  given values  $x$  of  $X$  under  $H_0$  and some alternative hypotheses.  $\cdots\cdots$   $\rho = -0.9$ ,  $\text{---}$   $\rho = 0$ ,  $\text{- - -}$   $\rho = 0.9$ . (b), (c) Power function for  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $X \sim N(2, 1)$ , respectively.  $\cdots\cdots$   $M_n^{*1}$ ,  $\text{- - -}$   $M_n^{*2}$ ,  $\text{---}$   $K_n^{*2}$ .

of simulations (labeled *Cauchy*) is built from  $A$  with a Cauchy distribution with zero median and interquartile semi-range equal to one and  $B$  is obtained from a Cauchy variable  $e$  independent from  $A$  such that the interquartile semi-range of  $B$  is a fixed value  $s_B$ . The last series of simulations (labeled *exponential*) has  $A$  and  $e$  with shifted exponential distributions. In this case,  $A$  and  $e$  are centered at 0, variance of  $A$  is 1 and the dispersion of  $e$  is chosen to get a fixed value of  $\sigma_B$ .

To analyze the test performance under the null hypothesis we consider three values for the parameter  $\rho$  (0, 0.4 and 0.8). Three distributions for  $X$  ( $N(0, 1)$ ,  $N(2, 1)$  and  $\text{Exp}(\lambda = 1)$ ) have been considered. The sample size may be  $n = 20$ , 50 and 100. So, we have 81 different situations to study the empirical sizes. The

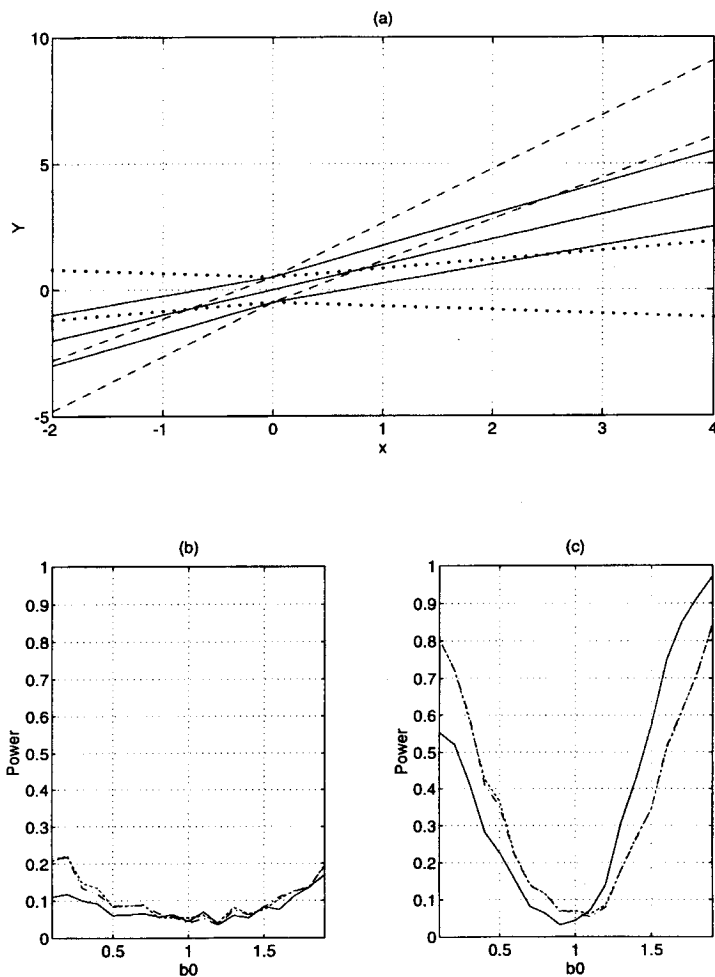


Fig. 4. Cauchy model varying  $b_0$  (median of  $B$ ) in the alternative. (a) Dispersion of  $Y$  given values  $x$  of  $X$  under  $H_0$  and some alternative hypotheses.  $\cdots \cdots$   $b_0 = 0.1$ ,  $\text{—}$   $b_0 = 1$ ,  $\text{---}$   $b_0 = 1.9$ . (b), (c) Power function for  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $X \sim N(2, 1)$ , respectively.  $\cdots \cdots$   $M_n^{*1}$ ,  $\text{---}$   $M_n^{*2}$ ,  $\text{—}$   $K_n^{*2}$ .

Monte-Carlo experiment was carried out 500 times for each particular scheme. The number of bootstrap replications was  $B = 500$ .

Table 1 summarizes the obtained results on the performance of the three statistics we used:  $M_n^{*1}$ ,  $M_n^{*2}$ ,  $K_n^{*2}$ . We have not considered  $K_n^{*1}$  due to the complexity of the required optimizations. To calculate  $M_n^{*1}$  and  $M_n^{*2}$  we have used the measure  $Q$  specified by  $H_0$ . The nominal size was  $\alpha = 0.05$ . The values typed in *italic* are significantly (95%) different from  $\alpha$ . They are 4.9% of the total. In general, we observed good performances and a small advantage for the bootstrap schemes based on  $D_n^{*2}$ . The recommendation of using  $D_n^{*2}$  instead of  $D_n^{*1}$  is emphasized when  $n = 20$ , based on additional simulation reports not included

here in order to maintain a moderate length for the paper. For the 500 replication of the experiments, a bootstrap based empirical  $p$ -value was calculated. Under the null hypothesis these values have a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . So, the better a bootstrap scheme replicates the distribution of  $D_n$ , the closer the empirical distribution of those  $p$ -values is to the diagonal of the unit square. Graphics of these empirical distribution functions have been used in the literature (see for instance Fisher *et al.* (1994)). When  $D_n^{*1}$  was analyzed, for  $n = 20$  all the empirical functions of the  $p$ -values were significantly far from the theoretical distribution of a  $U(0, 1)$ , using the usual Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance, and the same happened in the 40% of the simulated cases when  $n = 50$  and in the 11% for  $n = 100$ . Nevertheless, only in two cases (one for  $n = 20$  and the other for  $n = 50$ ) a similar situation was reported when using  $D_n^{*2}$ .

For the power study, we have considered the *normal* and *Cauchy* cases with three sample sizes ( $n = 20, 50, 100$ ) and two distributions for  $X$  ( $N(0, 1)$  and  $N(2, 1)$ ). So, we observed twelve different situations under  $H_0$ ; we have studied the test power against alternative hypotheses established in terms of  $b_0$  and  $\rho$ .

The data were simulated under two sets of alternative hypotheses. First, with  $b_0 = 1$ , allowing  $\rho$  to take values of the form  $0 \pm 0.1h$ ,  $h = 1, \dots, 9$  and  $\sigma_B$  or  $s_B$  equal to one. Second, with  $\rho = 0$ , with values  $1 \pm 0.1h$ ,  $h = 1, \dots, 9$ , for  $b_0$  and  $\sigma_B$  or  $s_B$  equal to 0.5.

Some results are displayed in Figs. 1 to 4. Graph (a) in each of these figures represents the dispersion of  $Y$  for a given value  $x$  of  $X$  when  $(Y, X)$  follows model (1.1); more precisely, in Figs. 1 and 2 they are 95% prediction bands and in Figs. 3 and 4, we draw interquartile semi-ranges around the median. Graphs (b) and (c) give some of the power functions obtained for  $n = 100$  and  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Power functions for other values of  $n$  and  $\alpha$  have also been studied and they are considered in the following comments.

For  $n = 20$  the results are not satisfactory but there is an important improvement for  $n = 50$ .  $M_n^{*1}$  and  $M_n^{*2}$  behave similarly. As usual in goodness of fit tests the power for Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics is generally lower than for those based on Cramér-von Mises ones; however, in some situations,  $K_n^{*2}$  is clearly the best one. The asymmetry of some power functions can be explained in terms of the different conditional distributions of  $Y$  given  $X$  under the alternatives (see part (a) in Figs. 1 to 4).

Finally, we may remark the relevance of the identifiability idea in these models. In graph 3.(a) can be seen that if the variable  $X$  takes only positive values (respectively, negative) then the distribution of  $(Y, X)$  is the same for all positive values of  $\rho$  (respectively, negative). This is reflected in 3.(c) where one of the branches of each power function is practically constant and equal to  $\alpha$  since, for those models,  $X \sim N(2, 1)$  and it takes positive values with high probability.

#### Appendix: Proofs of Theorems

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.1. Since  $\mathcal{F}$  can be written as  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_{st}(\cdot, \cdot) = f(\cdot, \cdot, s, t) \mid (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+q}\}$ , condition (ii) in Definition 1 in Pollard (1984, pp. 195–196), follows. Only remains to check that

$$f(y, x, s, t) = (I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s))I_{(-\infty, t]}(x),$$

is  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{1+q}) \times \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{1+q})$ -measurable, and this follows because

$$\begin{aligned} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} I_{(-\infty, s]}(a + xb) dF_{AB}(a, b) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} I_{(-\infty, s]}(a + xb) dF_{AB, n}(a, b) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{F_{AB, n}}(A + xB \leq s), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^q, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

for a sequence  $\{(a_n, b_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $F_{AB, n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{(a_i, b_i)}$ , since  $P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB = s) = 0$  if (a) holds. Under condition (b), measurability of  $h(x, s) = P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)$  is trivial.  $\square$

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.2. Since the functions in  $\mathcal{F}$  are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} f_{st}(y, x) &= (I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) \\ &= I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) I_{(-\infty, t]}(x), \end{aligned}$$

the result will follow from the next three claims:

*Claim 4.1.*  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{f_s : \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f_s(x) = P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s), s \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a Vapnik-Červonenkis class of functions. Moreover, the Vapnik-Červonenkis index of the graph class is 2.

PROOF. We have to check that the graph class of functions in  $\mathcal{F}_1$  does not shatter two elements sets in  $\mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}$  (i.e., each two points subset  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}$  contains a subset that cannot be obtained as the intersection of  $A$  and the graph of a function in  $\mathcal{F}_1$ ).

Let  $A = \{(x_1, t_1), (x_2, t_2)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\mathcal{C} = \{G_f, f \in \mathcal{F}_1\}$  shatters  $A$  then there exists  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}^q$  such that

$$(4.12) \quad A \cap G_{f_{s_1}} = \{(x_1, t_1)\}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4.13) \quad A \cap G_{f_{s_2}} = \{(x_2, t_2)\}.$$

Since all  $f \in \mathcal{F}_1$  are nonnegative functions, from (4.13) it follows that

$$(4.14) \quad (x_1, t_1) \in G_{f_{s_1}} \Rightarrow f_{s_1}(x_1) \geq t_1, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4.15) \quad (x_2, t_2) \notin G_{f_{s_1}} \Rightarrow f_{s_1}(x_2) < t_2.$$

Analogously, from (4.13),

$$(4.16) \quad (x_1, t_1) \notin G_{f_{s_2}} \Rightarrow f_{s_2}(x_1) < t_1, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4.17) \quad (x_2, t_2) \in G_{f_{s_2}} \Rightarrow f_{s_2}(x_2) \geq t_2.$$

From the properties of univariate distribution functions, we have that  $f_s(x) \leq f_t(x)$  if, and only if,  $s \leq t$  and  $f_s(x) < f_t(x)$  implies  $s < t$ .

This, combined with (4.14) and (4.16), gives  $s_1 > s_2$ , and combined with (4.15) and (4.17), leads to  $s_1 < s_2$ . This contradiction proves the claim.

*Claim 4.2.* If  $\mathcal{F} = \{f : D_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  is a Vapnik-Červonenkis class of functions then  $\mathcal{G} = \{g_f : D_1 \times D_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid g_f(y, x) = f(x), f \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is also a Vapnik-Červonenkis class.

**PROOF.** The graph class of  $\mathcal{H}$  is the product of the one set class  $\{\Omega_2\}$  and the graph class of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Both are Vapnik-Červonenkis classes. So, the claim follows from Theorem 9.6.2 in Dudley (1984).

*Claim 4.3.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be classes of functions with envelopes  $F$  and  $G$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G} = \{f + g \mid f \in \mathcal{F}, g \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . Then  $F + G$  is an envelope for  $\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}$  and

$$D(\varepsilon, F + G, \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}) \leq D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F})D(\varepsilon, G, \mathcal{G}).$$

Let  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G} = \{fg \mid f \in \mathcal{F}, g \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . If  $F$  and  $G$  are constant functions then  $FG$  is an envelope for  $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}$  and

$$D(\varepsilon, FG, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}) \leq D(\varepsilon/2, F, \mathcal{F})D(\varepsilon/2, G, \mathcal{G}).$$

The first part appears in Pollard (1984, p. 40), and the second part follows in a similar way as in Pollard (1989). This proves the claim.

Our class  $\mathcal{F}$  is obtained from classes  $\mathcal{F}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_q$  and  $\mathcal{I}_1$ , where  $\mathcal{J}_d$  is the class of semi-interval indicators in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which is a Vapnik-Červonenkis class with envelope  $F = 1$  (see, for instance, Corollary 9.2.15 in Dudley (1984)). From Claim 4.1 and Claim 4.2,  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is also a Vapnik-Červonenkis class and so, there exist positive constants  $A_i, w_i$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}_1) &\leq A_1 \varepsilon^{-2w_1}, & D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{I}_q) &\leq A_2 \varepsilon^{-2w_2}, \\ D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{I}_1) &\leq A_3 \varepsilon^{-2w_3}, & 0 < \varepsilon &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now, Claim 4.3 gives that

$$D(\varepsilon, F^*, \mathcal{F}) \leq (D(\varepsilon/2, F, \mathcal{F}_1)D(\varepsilon/2, F, \mathcal{I}_1))D(\varepsilon/2, F, \mathcal{I}_q),$$

where  $F^* = (F + F)F = 2$  is an envelope for  $\mathcal{F}$ , and so there are constants  $A$  and  $w$  such that  $D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}) \leq A\varepsilon^{-2w}$ , for all  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ .  $\square$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 2.1.** From Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 and Pollard's central limit theorem (Pollard (1982)), it follows that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Donsker class for  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)$ . For the covariance function, since

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)} f_{st} &= \int (I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) \\ &\quad \cdot I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) d\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(y, x) \\ &= \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s, t) - \int_{(-\infty, t]} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) dF_X(x) \\ &= \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s, t) - \int_{\{x \leq t\} \cap \{a + xb \leq s\}} d(F_{AB} \times dF_X)(a, b, x) \\ &= \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s, t) - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s, t) = 0, \quad s \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}^q, \end{aligned}$$



we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(f_{st}, f_{uv}) &= E f_{st} f_{uv} - E f_{st} E f_{uv} = E f_{st} f_{uv} \\
&= \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(I_{(-\infty, (s,t)]}(Y, X) I_{(-\infty, (u,v)]}(Y, X)) \\
&\quad - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(P_{F_{AB}}(A + XB \leq s) I_{(-\infty, t]}(X) I_{(-\infty, (u,v)]}(Y, X)) \\
&\quad - \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(P_{F_{AB}}(A + XB \leq u) I_{(-\infty, v]}(X) I_{(-\infty, (s,t)]}(Y, X)) \\
&\quad + \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(P_{F_{AB}}(A + XB \leq s) P_{F_{AB}}(A + XB \leq u) \\
&\quad \quad \quad \cdot I_{(-\infty, t]}(X) I_{(-\infty, v]}(Y, X)) \\
&= S_1 - S_2 - S_3 + S_4.
\end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $S_1 = \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s \wedge u, t \wedge v)$ . For the second term,

$$\begin{aligned}
S_2 &= \int_{\{a+xb \leq u\} \cap \{x \leq t \wedge v\}} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) d(F_{AB} \times dF_X)(a, b, x) \\
&= \int_{\{x \leq t \wedge v\}} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) \left( \int_{\{a+xb \leq u\}} dF_{AB}(a, b) \right) dF_X(x) \\
&= \int_{\{x \leq t \wedge v\}} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u) dF_X(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $S_3 = S_2$  and  $S_4 = S_2$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Cov}(f_{st}, f_{uv}) &= \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)(s \wedge u, t \wedge v) \\
&\quad - \int_{\{x \leq t \wedge v\}} P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u) dF_X(x) \\
&= \int_{\{x \leq t \wedge v\}} (P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s \wedge u) \\
&\quad \quad - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u)) dF_X(x). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF OF COROLLARY 2.1.  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{F}}$  is trivially continuous in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ . Let

$$\|\Psi\|_{2,Q} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} (\Psi(f_{st}))^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2}$$

for all  $\Psi \in l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ . Thus,  $M_n = \|D_n\|_{2,Q}$ . To check that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{2,Q}$  is a continuous functional in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ , take a sequence  $\{\Psi_n\}$  such that  $\|\Psi_n - \Psi_0\|_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|\|\Psi_n\|_{2,Q} - \|\Psi_0\|_{2,Q}| &\leq \|\Psi_n - \Psi_0\|_{2,Q} \\
&= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+q}} |\Psi_n(f_{st}) - \Psi_0(f_{st})|^2 dQ(s, t) \right)^{1/2} \leq \|\Psi_n - \Psi_0\|_{\mathcal{F}} Q(\mathbb{R}^{1+q}) \rightarrow 0. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.2. The asymptotic behavior of  $D_n^{*1}$  follows from Theorem 2.4 in Giné and Zinn (1990) because  $\mathcal{F}$  is a Donsker class of functions for  $\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)$ .

To establish that  $D_n^{*2}$  tends to the Brownian bridge  $Z_{\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)}$ , we use Corollary 2.7 in Giné and Zinn (1991). With their notation, taking  $D_n^{*2} = \nu_n^{R_n}$ , with  $R_n = \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_{X,n})$  and  $R_0 = \mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, F_X)$ , we have to prove that  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow 0$ , with  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{F}' \cup \mathcal{F}^2 \cup (\mathcal{F}')^2$ , where  $\mathcal{F}'$  is the class of differences of functions in  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $\mathcal{F}^2$  is the set of squares of the elements of  $\mathcal{F}$ . It is enough to see that the supremum on each of  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}'$ ,  $\mathcal{F}^2$  and  $(\mathcal{F}')^2$  tends to zero.

We have that  $R_n(f_{st}) = F_{X,n}(r_{st})$  and  $R_0(f_{st}) = F_X(r_{st})$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} r_{st}(x) &= \int f_{st}(y, x) d\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, \delta_x)(y, x) = E_{F_{AB}}[f_{st}(A + xB, x)] \\ &= (P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB, x) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB, x))I_{(-\infty, t]}(x) = 0, \\ & \hspace{20em} s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}} = 0$ . Similarly  $R_n(f_{st} - f_{uv}) = R_0(f_{st} - f_{uv}) = 0$  and  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}'} = 0$ .

For the convergence of  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}^2}$ , note that  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}^2} \leq \|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}}$ . Now, let

$$\begin{aligned} r_{stuv}(x) &= \int f_{st}(y, x) f_{uv}(y, x) d\mathcal{P}(F_{AB}, \delta_x)(y, x) \\ &= E_{F_{AB}}[f_{st}(A + xB, x) f_{uv}(A + xB, x)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} f_{st}(y, x) f_{uv}(y, x) &= (I_{(-\infty, u \wedge s]}(y) - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u) I_{(-\infty, s]}(y) \\ &\quad - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s) I_{(-\infty, u]}(y) \\ &\quad + P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u) P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) I_{(-\infty, t \wedge v]}(x), \end{aligned}$$

we get that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{stuv}(x) &= (P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u \wedge s) \\ &\quad - P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq u) P_{F_{AB}}(A + xB \leq s)) I_{(-\infty, t \wedge v]}(x). \end{aligned}$$

As we saw along the proof of Theorem 2.1, the class  $\mathcal{R}$  of functions  $r_{stuv}$  is a Donsker class for  $F_X$ . Since

$$(R_n - R_0)(f_{st} f_{uv}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \nu_n^{F_X}(r_{stuv}),$$

we have that  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}} = n^{-1/2} \|\nu_n^{F_X}\|_{\mathcal{R}} \rightarrow 0$ , because  $\nu_n^{F_X} \rightarrow_w Z_{F_X}$  in  $l^\infty(\mathcal{R})$ . Analogously,  $\|R_n - R_0\|_{(\mathcal{F}')^2} \leq 4\|R_n - R_0\|_{\mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow 0$ .  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.3. Let us prove (i) first. From the Mean Value Theorem and since the partial derivatives of  $h$  are bounded, it follows that  $\mathcal{F}_p$

is uniformly equicontinuous: for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \varepsilon/M_1$  such that  $\|x - x'\| \leq \delta$  implies  $|f_s(x) - f_s(x')| < \varepsilon$ , for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

Let  $V$  be a  $p$ -dimensional random variable and let  $[a, b]_p = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid a \leq v \leq b\}$ . We can write

$$P_V([a, b]_p) = \sum_{j=1}^r \alpha_j F_V(m_j(a, b)),$$

where  $m_j(a, b)$  are vertices of  $[a, b]_p$ . The coefficients  $\alpha_j$ , the vertices  $m_j(a, b)$  and the value  $r$  only depend on the dimension  $p$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\delta = \varepsilon(2M_1 \sum_{j=1}^r |\alpha_j|)^{-1}$ . Since  $\text{Supp}(X)$  is totally bounded, there exists  $n = n(\delta)$  and points  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{Supp}(X)$ , such that for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ ,  $\min_{i=1, \dots, n} \|x - x_i\| \leq \delta$ . For each  $x_i$  there exists a set  $[l_i, u_i]_p$  with  $P(Y_{x_i} \in [l_i, u_i]_p) \geq 1 - \varepsilon/2$ . Let  $l = l(\varepsilon)$  (respectively,  $u = u(\varepsilon)$ ) the point in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  whose  $j$ -th coordinate is the smallest (respectively, the largest) of the  $j$ -th coordinates of the points  $l_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  (respectively,  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Thus,  $P(Y_{x_i} \in [l, u]_p) \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . For  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ ,  $P(Y_x \in [l, u]_p) = \sum_{j=1}^r \alpha_j F_{Y_x}(m_j(l, u))$ . Let  $i = i(x)$  be the index of the closest point to  $x$  among  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |P(Y_x \in [l, u]_p) - P(Y_{x_i} \in [l, u]_p)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^r |\alpha_j| |F_{Y_x}(m_j(l, u)) - F_{Y_{x_i}}(m_j(l, u))| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^r |\alpha_j| \frac{\varepsilon}{2 \sum_{j=1}^r |\alpha_j|} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

and, so  $P(Y_x \in [l, u]_p) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ , for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . This proves (i).

Let us now establish (ii). From uniform boundedness of the partial derivatives of  $h$ , for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\gamma = \varepsilon/(2M_2)$  such that  $\|s - s'\| \leq \gamma$  implies  $|h(x, s) - h(x, s')| \leq \varepsilon/2$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ .

Using  $\gamma$  and the compact  $[l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$ , we define the following points in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ :

$$s(i_1, \dots, i_p) = l(\varepsilon/2) + \left( \frac{i_1(u_1 - l_1)}{n_1}, \dots, \frac{i_p(u_p - l_p)}{n_p} \right), \quad n_j = \left\lceil \frac{u_j - l_j}{\gamma/p} \right\rceil + 1, \\ i_j = 1, \dots, n_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

If  $N(\varepsilon)$  is the number of points just defined, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(\varepsilon) &= \prod_{j=1}^p (n_j + 1) = \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \left\lceil \frac{u_j - l_j}{\gamma/p} \right\rceil + 2 \right) \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{p(u_j - l_j)}{\gamma} + 2 \right) \leq p^p \gamma^{-p} \text{Vol}([l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2) + 2\gamma 1_p]_p) \end{aligned}$$

where  $1_p$  is the vector with all coordinates equal to one.

Since  $\|s - t\| \leq p \max_{j=1, \dots, p} |s_j - t_j|$ , for all  $s \in [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$  there exists  $s'$  among the  $N(\varepsilon)$  points with  $\|s - s'\| \leq \gamma$  and so,  $|h(x, s) - h(x, s')| \leq \varepsilon/2$

for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . If  $s \notin [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$ , let  $\bar{s}$  be the closest point to  $s$  in  $[l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$ , and let  $s'$  be the point closest to  $\bar{s}$  among the  $N(\varepsilon)$  just defined. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} |h(x, s) - h(x, s')| &\leq |h(x, s) - h(x, \bar{s})| + |h(x, \bar{s}) - h(x, s')| \\ &\leq |h(x, s) - h(x, \bar{s})| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = |F_{Y_x}(s) - F_{Y_x}(\bar{s})| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Y_x}(s) &= P(Y_x \in (-\infty, s]) \\ &= P(Y_x \in (-\infty, s] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p) \\ &\quad + P(Y_x \in (-\infty, s] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p^c). \end{aligned}$$

The difference between the sets  $(-\infty, s] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$  and  $(-\infty, \bar{s}] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$  is included in the boundary of  $[l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p$  and so, it has zero probability under the absolutely continuous distribution of  $Y_x$ , for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Y_x}(s) &= P(Y_x \in (-\infty, \bar{s}] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p) \\ &\quad + P(Y_x \in (-\infty, s] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p^c) \\ &= F_{Y_x}(\bar{s}) + P(Y_x \in (-\infty, s] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p^c) \\ &\quad - P(Y_x \in (-\infty, \bar{s}] \cap [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p^c). \end{aligned}$$

Then, for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ ,

$$|h(x, s) - h(x, s')| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + P(Y_x \notin [l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2)]_p) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

It follows that for a finite  $A \subset \text{Supp}(X)$ ,

$$\min_{i=1, \dots, N(\varepsilon)} \sum_{x \in A} (f_s(x) - f_{s_i}(x))^2 \leq \varepsilon^2 \text{card}(A), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}^p,$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} D(\varepsilon, F, \mathcal{F}_p) &\leq N(\varepsilon) \leq p^p \gamma^{-p} \text{Vol}([l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2) + 2\gamma 1_p]_p) \\ &= (2M_2 p)^p \varepsilon^{-p} \text{Vol} \left( \left[ l(\varepsilon/2), u(\varepsilon/2) + \frac{\varepsilon}{M_2} 1_p \right]_p \right). \end{aligned}$$

This proves (ii), and (iii) follows.  $\square$

**PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.3.** The compactness of  $Q$  follows from a standard subsequences argument. Moreover, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_x \in Q) &\geq P(Y_x \in K_x) = P(A + xB \in K_x) \\ &= \int_{\{(a,b) | a+xb \in K_x\}} dF_{AB}(a, b) \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\text{Supp}(A, B) \subseteq \{(a, b) \mid a + xb \in K_x\}$  and the result follows.  $\square$

**PROOF OF PROPOSITION 2.4.** Let  $(A, B)^t \sim N_{p+q}((\mu_A, \mu_B)^t, \Sigma)$  and let  $Y_x = A + xB \sim N_p(\mu_x = \mu_A + x\mu_B, \Sigma_x = (I_p, x)\Sigma(I_p, x)^t)$  with density function

$$f_{Y_x}(y) = f_x(y) = (2\pi)^{-p/2} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x) \right\}.$$

We have to show that the partial derivatives with respect to  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p \times q$  and  $s_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$  of the function  $h(x, s) = \int_{\{y \leq s\}} f_x(y) dy$  are uniformly bounded for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$  and all  $s \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

Let  $V = (V_1, \dots, V_k)$  be an absolutely continuous random variable with distribution and density functions  $F_V$  and  $f_V$ , respectively. It is straightforward to check that, under regularity conditions (fulfilled by the normal distribution) which allow interchanging integrals and derivatives

$$\frac{\partial F_V}{\partial v_k}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = F_{V_1, \dots, V_{k-1} | V_k = v_k}(v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}) f_{V_k}(v_k),$$

and analogously for  $j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k - 1$ . Applying this to  $V = Y_x$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{\partial h(x, s)}{\partial s_j} \right| \leq f_{V_j}(\mu_{x,j}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{x,j}} = g_j(x), \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$

Since the  $j$ -th component variance is a continuous function of  $x$ ,  $g_j(x)$  is bounded on the compact set  $\text{Supp}(X)$ .

Now, let us turn to the partial derivatives with respect to  $x_i$  which, under regularity conditions—fulfilled by the normal distribution—, are

$$\frac{\partial h(x, s)}{\partial x_i} = \int_{\{y \leq s\}} \frac{\partial f_x(y)}{\partial x_i} dy, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \times q.$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_x(y)}{\partial x_i} &= (2\pi)^{-p/2} \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \right) \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x) \right\} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x) \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} ((y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x)) \right] \frac{\partial \sigma_{rl}}{\partial x_i} \\ &\quad - \frac{(2\pi)^{-p/2}}{2} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x) \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_j} ((y - \mu_x)^t (\Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x))) \right) \frac{\partial \mu_j}{\partial x_i} \\ &= S_1(y) + S_2(y) + S_3(y). \end{aligned}$$

Let us study each of these three terms.

(a)

$$S_1(y) = \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \right) \frac{\partial \sigma_{rl}}{\partial x_i} |\Sigma_x|^{1/2} f_x(y).$$

For a non-singular matrix, the partial derivatives of the determinant and the partial derivatives of the inverse matrix are continuous functions of the matrix elements (see, e.g., Mardia *et al.* (1979)). So  $|S_1(y)| \leq K_1 f_x(y)$  where

$$K_1 = \max_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p |\Sigma_x|^{1/2} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} |\Sigma_x|^{-1/2} \right| \left| \frac{\partial \sigma_{rl}}{\partial x_i} \right| < \infty.$$

(b)

$$S_2(y) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} ((y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x)) \right] \frac{\partial \sigma_{rl}}{\partial x_i} f_x(y).$$

As before,  $|S_2(y)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{l=1}^p \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma_{rl}} ((y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x)) \right| K_2 f_x(y)$  with

$$K_2 = \max_{r,l} \max_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} \left| \frac{\partial \sigma_{rl}}{\partial x_i} \right| < \infty.$$

Let  $A = \Sigma_x^{-1}$  with elements  $a_{hk}$ . Since  $\Sigma_x$  is non-singular, the partial derivatives of  $a_{hk}$  with respect to  $\sigma_{rl}$  are continuous function of  $x$  and so, bounded in  $\text{Supp}(X)$ ; let  $K_3$  be an upper bound of this quantity for all  $h, k, r, l$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{y \leq s\}} |S_2(y)| dy &\leq \frac{K_2 K_3}{2} \sum_r \sum_l \sum_h \sum_k \int_{\{y \leq s\}} |(y - \mu_x)(y - \mu_x)^t|_{hk} f_x(y) dy \\ &\leq \frac{K_2 K_3 p^2}{2} \sum_h \sum_k \int |(y - \mu_x)(y - \mu_x)^t|_{hk} f_x(y) dy \\ &\leq \frac{K_2 K_3 p^2}{2} \sum_h \sum_k (\sigma_{x,k}^2 + \sigma_{x,k}^2) \leq \frac{K_2 K_3 K_4 p^2}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_4 = \max_{h,k} \max_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} (\sigma_{x,k}^2 + \sigma_{x,k}^2) < \infty$ .

(c)

$$S_3(y) = -\frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^{p/2} \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_j} ((y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x)) \right] \frac{\partial \mu_j}{\partial x_i} f_x(y).$$

As before,

$$|S_3(y)| \leq \frac{K_5}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_j} ((y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1} (y - \mu_x)) \right| f_x(y)$$

with  $K_5 = \max_j \max_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} \left| \frac{\partial \mu_j}{\partial x_i} \right| < \infty$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{y \leq s\}} |S_3(y)| dy &\leq K_5 \sum_j \int |\Sigma_x^{-1}(y - \mu_x)|_j f_x(y) dy \\ &\leq K_5 K_6 \sum_{j=1}^p \sum_{h=1}^p \int |(y_h - \mu_h)| f_x(y) dy \\ &\leq K_5 K_6 \sum_{j=1}^p \left[ p + \sum_{h=1}^p \sigma_{x,h}^2 \right] < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_6 = \max_{r,l} \max_{x \in \text{Supp}(X)} |\Sigma_x^{-1}|_{rl}$ .

This proves part (i).

Let us see now the proof of (ii). The set  $\{\mu_x = \mu_A + x\mu_B \mid x \in \text{Supp}(X)\}$  is compact (since  $\text{Supp}(X)$  is) and so there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\mu_x\| \leq M$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . For each  $x$ , define  $R_x(\varepsilon) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid f_x(y) \geq \gamma\} = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid (y - \mu_x)^t \Sigma_x^{-1}(y - \mu_x) \leq \delta^2\}$ , where  $\delta^2 = \delta^2(\varepsilon) = F_{\chi_p^2}^{-1}(1 - \varepsilon)$  and thus  $P(Y_x \in R_x(\varepsilon)) = 1 - \varepsilon$ . Let  $\lambda_x$  be the largest eigenvalue of  $\Sigma_x$ ; since the implicit function theorem,  $\lambda_x$  is a continuous function of  $x$  and so bounded on  $\text{Supp}(X)$ ; let  $\lambda$  be an upper bound. For the hypercube  $C(\varepsilon) = \prod_{i=1}^p [-M - \delta\sqrt{\lambda}, M + \delta\sqrt{\lambda} + \varepsilon/M_2]$ ,  $R_x(\varepsilon) \subset C(\varepsilon)$  and then  $P(Y_x \in C(\varepsilon)) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ , for all  $x \in \text{Supp}(X)$ . Moreover,

$$v(\varepsilon) = \text{Vol}(C(\varepsilon)) \leq (2M + 2\sqrt{\lambda}\delta(\varepsilon) + 1/M_2)^p \leq (a_0 + a_1\delta(\varepsilon))^p$$

for some  $a_0 > 1$ ,  $a_1$  not depending on  $\varepsilon$ . Thus

$$\int_0^1 \log v(\varepsilon/2) d\varepsilon \leq p \int_0^1 \log(a_0 + a_1\delta(\varepsilon/2)) d\varepsilon.$$

Changing variable to  $u = \delta^2(\varepsilon/2) = F_{\chi_p^2}^{-1}(1 - \varepsilon/2)$ , this last integral equals

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{u_0}^{\infty} \log(a_0 + a_1\sqrt{u}) f_{\chi_p^2}(u) du &\leq 2 \int_0^{\infty} (a_0 + a_1(1+u)) f_{\chi_p^2}(u) du \\ &= 2a_0 + 2a_1(1 + E(\chi_p^2)) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof.  $\square$

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